



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen.
Don’t be afraid.”

-Frederick Buechner

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide
May 3, 2020
Ten-thirty o'clock

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

“There are two occasions when the sacred beauty of Creation becomes dazzlingly apparent, and they occur together. One is when we feel our mortal insufficiency to the world, and the other is when we feel the world's mortal insufficiency to us.”

-Marilynne Robinson

The Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze” Bach

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

*The Processional Hymn No. 317 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *OLD HUNDREDTH*

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

*The Litany of Praise Richard Joiner

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: A very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.

People: We will be still, and know that God is with us.

ALL: The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

-Psalm 46 (adapted)

*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” *MEINEKE*

*The Prayer of Invocation Richard Joiner

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 23
I Peter 2:19-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

STUDENT NEWS:

Sunday Nights at the (Virtual) Youth House:

Sunday nights at 5:00 p.m, like a normal Sunday night, but on Zoom. Contact Major for the link.

Mystery Trip - rescheduled for the week of July 11-17. More details will be forthcoming - but not too many, it is still a Mystery.

Contact Major at:

major@northminsterbaptist.org

Bibles for Rising Seventh Graders

As our seniors leave, our rising seventh graders become part of the Youth Group. The tradition has been to have members of the congregation honor each new Youth Group member with a Bible to use throughout their years at Northminster. The Bibles cost \$30 each. If you are interested in honoring one of these new members of our Youth Group with a Bible, please contact the church office (601-982-4703).

This year's new Youth Group members:

Heed Burnham	Mary Elise Byrd	Yates Elfert
Kayla Jernigan	Cole Mahaffey	Emma Kate Poole

Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456

Though Sunday night children's activities were scheduled to end this Sunday, May 3, we have decided to extend our virtual offering of these activities through May 31.

Girls of Grace and Guys 456 are meeting each week via Zoom, and the Atrium lesson is being uploaded to YouTube each week. If you would like links to any of these activities, please contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601.927.0259.

Children's Storytime with the Pastors

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

Each of the Pastors will share a book and we'll have a brief devotional thought. Email lesley@northminsterbaptist.org if you would like the Zoom link.

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

Pastor	Charles Poole
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Associate Pastor for Students	Major Treadway
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Pastors' Secretary/Administrative Assistant	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Libby McGee Pat Walston R.W. McCarley
Virginia Hamilton Jack Cochran Robbie Cross
Vivian Thompson Martha Collum Nancy Herrin
Roxanne Aldridge Gorman Schaffer Sue Edwards

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles
Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin
Hazel Smith, mother of Marcia Poole
Mary Hendrick, mother of Janet Clark

Remember those in military service: Bartavian Stanton and Chris Spencer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Eastertide. Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ’s resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white’s components. The banner’s pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.



The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

The Deacon of the Week is Hart Wylie.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver of the Week is Cheryl Allen.

The Liturgist for May is Linda McGehee.

The Flowers for May are provided by Joe D. Rankin, Mary Elizabeth Smith and Jane Claire Williams.

The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

For the next few Wednesday evenings, Northminster will offer a virtual Bible study on *Revelation*. To attend/view, simply go to Northminster’s home page and click “Live Video Stream” under the “Watch Live” link. (Or type in www.northminsterbaptist.live.) From there, click “Archives” and select “Education.” Each Wednesday evening, by 5:30, you will see a new study uploaded there. (A PDF of the Wednesday night word search will be attached to an email blast, which will be sent each Wednesday.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Father, forgive us; renew us as usable instruments that we might take seriously the meaning of the cross.

-Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers (adapted)

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Wood

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies”

Mendelsohn

Gwen Anderson, *soprano*

The Sermon

“Another Valley”

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

“Your beauty and love chase after us every day of our lives.”

-Psalm 23, The Message

*The Recessional Hymn No. 708 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other’s woes, each other’s burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

“Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for May 3 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Acts 2:42-47 ~ page 886

Psalm 23 ~ pages 435-436

I Peter 2:19-25~ pages 984-985

John 10:1-10 ~ page 872